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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT *Keep this study together.*

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Subject: Consultation with the Federal Republic  
of Germany on Nuclear Weapons Release

Recommendation:

That you approve in principle nuclear consul-  
tation arrangements of the type described below  
subject to your final review when the details are  
worked out.

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Discussion:

In November Dr. Carstens, then State Secretary for  
Defense of the Federal Republic of Germany, handed  
Deputy Secretary of Defense Nitze a memorandum which  
proposed a) increased FRG participation in the formu-  
lation and review of NATO nuclear plans, b) notice of  
requests submitted by General Lemnitzer to the President  
for selective release of nuclear weapons to be employed  
from or on German soil in order to give the German  
Government an opportunity to express its views, and  
c) an arrangement whereby orders for selective use of  
nuclear weapons by German units would be subject to  
confirmation by the FRG Government. The Germans  
expressly exempted from their request any change in  
current nuclear procedures for general release.

A US-FRG staff level task force has been exploring  
without commitment the details and implications of the  
FRG request. At a meeting next week the US team  
expects to discuss with the Germans a draft task force  
report to the respective Defense Ministers which would

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